

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Hunter Mees is a second grader at Wessington Springs Elementary; and,

Whereas, Hunter was diagnosed in early November with Lymphoma and has completed a number of chemotherapy treatments; and,

Whereas, Hunter attends Wessington Springs Elementary School as his health permits and his academic skills continue to grow because of his strength and willingness to learn. Even though he cannot go outside for recess, he willingly challenges the teachers to inside games; and,

Whereas, Hunter's optimistic personality and cheerful smile are uplifting to those who greet him each day; and,

Whereas, At this challenging time, Hunter has been an inspiration to his family, classmates, teachers and community, who are hosting a benefit on January 27, 2006, at the Wessington Springs Gym, to offer support and to assist with the numerous expenses associated with his illness; and,

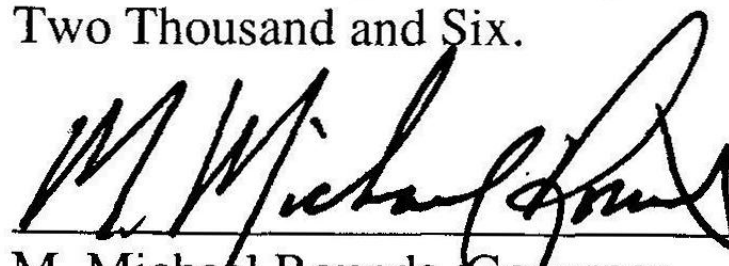
Whereas, Hunter is a wonderful individual and a fantastic representative of the future of this state and nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2006, as

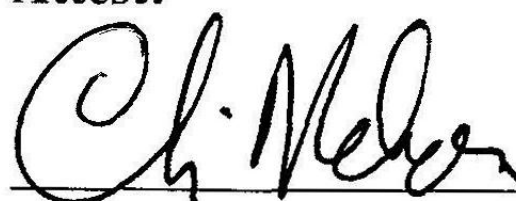
HUNTER MEES DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

